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Ontario reopening the economy this Friday

MIKE BAKER

Editor

All non-essential retailers across Haliburton County will be able to reopen their doors at 15 per cent capacity and restaurants will be permitted to open their patios this coming Friday, June 11 as Ontario progresses into Step 1 of its 'Roadmap to Reopen' plan.

In an announcement on Monday afternoon, Premier Doug Ford indicated it was now safe for the province to look ahead and lift some of the restrictions that have prevented people from gathering and certain businesses from operating since early April.

"Thanks to the ongoing success of Team Ontario's vaccine rollout and the ongoing improvements in public health trends, we are able to enter Step 1... and begin to safely and cautiously lift restrictions," Ford said. "As we begin to enjoy the benefits of the first step in our roadmap, like meeting friends on a patio or visiting your favourite local store, please do so safely by continuing to follow all public health guidelines."

Ford had previously stated that, to enter Step 1, Ontario needed to have vaccinated 60 per cent of adults with at least one dose for two weeks or longer, ensuring the first dose offers a strong level of

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A rousing salute

Second World War veteran Harold Rowden salutes almost 100 motorcycle riders, family and Legion members who honoured him this past Sunday, June 6 on the anniversary of D-Day. Rowden rode a Norton motorcycle at Juno Beach on that day in 1944 when he was 19. /Photo submitted by Fred Pyziak

Schools to remain closed until September

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

School's not out for summer, but it won't be in-person again for the majority of elementary and high school students throughout the province until a new school year in September.

"To best protect Ontario families from

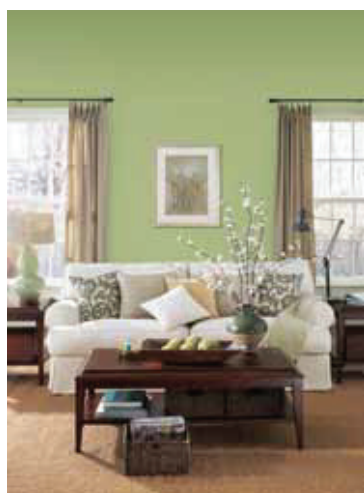
the fast growing B.1.617.2 variant, and to allow for higher rates of vaccination of students, staff, and families, the Ontario government has made the difficult decision to continue with remote learning for all elementary and secondary students across the province for the remainder of this school year," reads a June 2 press release from the provincial government. "This will allow the province to continue its focus on accelerating COVID-19 vaccinations to support a safer summer and return to in-person learning in September

for the 2021-22 school year."

Premier Doug Ford made the announcement June 2 after considering advice from the province's science table, which said schools could be safely opened in some regions, and almost a week after seeking guidance through questions posed in a letter to medical experts, school officials and education unions.

"I know this is difficult, very difficult, news," said Ford. "It was a hard choice to make, but I will not, I repeat, I will not,

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Seven-year-old Warner Tomlinson beads with "bubble" friends while wearing an orange T-shirt, as a sign of support for Indigenous people after she, siblings and bubble friends placed shoes, boots and sandals to remember the 215 children, whose bodies were found at a residential school in Kamloops, B.C.
/DARREN LUM Staff

News of Kamloops find 'devastated' Haliburton resident, who later set up memorial

MIKE BAKER

Editor

The recent discovery of an unmarked mass grave containing the remains of 215 Indigenous children in Kamloops, British Columbia hit Haliburton resident Ashley Wilson hard.

The find, made public on May 29 by the chief of the Tk'emlups te Secwepemc First Nation, made international news, shining a spotlight once again on Canada's past and its infamous residential schooling system.

Wilson was just going about her day when the news came in, hitting her like a ton of bricks.

"I would say my first reaction was devastation. Just absolute devastation. Obviously I was aware of the residential school system, and there have been discoveries [of grave sites] in the past, but to have one of this magnitude was just so upsetting," Wilson told the *Echo*. "I, myself, have Indigenous relatives, and it's something I've always been really passionate about – making sure these horrific things that happened, these horrific events aren't forgotten about. That we recognize our past and remember all those who were exposed to the residential school system."

Canada's residential schools were compulsory live-in boarding schools operated by the federal government and religious authorities, taking Indigenous youth away from their home with the aim of forcibly assimilating them into settler culture. From around 1863 to 1996, more than 150,000 Indigenous children were separated from their families and placed in these schools.

The site discovered last month sat on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, which closed in 1978. At one time, the school had as many as 500 students enrolled and was considered the largest residential school in Canada.

Last week Wilson organized a memorial at Head Lake Park to recognize and remember the 215 victims. She called on local residents to place a pair of children's shoes, boots or sandals on a spot close to the fountain to pay their respects to the youth whose lives were cut so terribly short.

"It's important that we have [memorials like this in communities all across Canada], because people need to honour these children. They need to recognize the impact residential schools had on the Indigenous community and the impact they still currently have," Wilson said. "Canada's last residential schools closed in 1996, so there's around 80,000 residential school survivors living in our country, with that trauma, every single day. I think it's important for people to understand that."

As of press time there were dozens of pairs of footwear left at the site in Haliburton, something Wilson says is "very touching."

She has spoken to many of the people who have stopped by, most of whom brought their children along. Wilson feels it's important that youth be educated about the residential school system and the impacts it still has on society today.

"We need to take every opportunity to educate, and to teach our children – I think that's very important. I just told my kids the basics, that Indigenous children were taken from their families and the difficulty surrounding that, what it did to their families, what it did to the children themselves," Wilson said. "It's a difficult thing to talk about, it's such a heavy topic and it gets me emotional, but without these kinds of difficult conversations real, long-lasting change cannot be made."

Following the discovery, Prime Minister Justin

Trudeau said the news was a "painful reminder of that dark and shameful chapter" of Canada's history. While Wilson doesn't doubt Trudeau's sincerity in making those remarks, she pointed out that the federal government has spent considerable time and resources in recent years fighting residential school survivors in court.

"That's very sad to me. Seeing the trauma that took place and still exists today – families completely torn apart by this. Families not knowing what happened to their children. I think Canada needs to accept the role it played in this. It's awful and it's sad, it's sad that it ever happened, but our government needs to take responsibility for the role they played. That's the only way for things to move forward," Wilson said. "To me, fighting survivors in the courts is not OK."

Back in 2008, the Canadian government, at the time led by Stephen Harper, formally apologized for the part it played in establishing and operating the residential school system. A recent third-party assessment on the government's reparation program noted that more than \$3 billion has been paid out to around 28,000 victims of abuse since 2007.

Now that the families of the 215 children who died at the Kamloops Indian Residential Schools have finally gotten closure, Wilson is calling on other residential school sites to be searched.

"We know this sort of thing likely [happened in other places]. All of these sites should be thoroughly checked for mass graves. There are still so many unanswered questions for so many families. There are still so many children who need to be returned home," Wilson said.

Fire ban in effect across Haliburton County

MIKE BAKER

Editor

A complete fire ban has been imposed across all of Haliburton County, with Dysart et al fire chief Mike Iles informing the *Echo* it will remain in place "until further notice."

In an email to media last week, Iles said the County's four lower-tier municipalities had agreed to initiate the ban following a drastic change in weather conditions. The ban came into effect at 10:30 a.m. on June 1.

"The fire chiefs of Haliburton County use a variety of tools to determine when a fire ban is to be put into effect or to be lifted," Iles said. "[Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's] Daily Wildfire Hazard Report and the weather forecast are a couple of the most important tools that we reference, but we also consider personal observations and fire call responses when making our decision."

While there was rain forecast for Monday and Tuesday this week, Iles noted things were looking hot and dry the rest of the week.

No burning is permitted at any time during a fire ban, including campfires. Fireworks are also banned.

Iles said it was difficult to say how long the ban would last.

"The weather will dictate when it will be lifted," he said.

Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame reveals first inducted athletes

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

After three years of work, much of it by its chairman Scotty LaRue, the Haliburton Highlands Hall of Fame has officially named its first group of inductees, who represent athletes for their achievements on the ice, field, court, and track; builders for their dedication to athletics and the community, and the athletic teams that excelled and earned respect in the area and outside of it for how they not only competed, but for how they represented and united the community.

LaRue made the induction announcement official, listing 17 inductees on Monday, June 7.

"This is a group of people and teams that truly reflect the depth and the breadth of athletics in the Highlands," LaRue said. "We have 11 athletes, three builders and three teams whose excellence and commitment deserves to be celebrated and that is exactly what we are doing today. These individuals have contributed so much to their sports and to their communities and we want to ensure these contributions are never forgotten. They are a very important part of the fabric of our communities and we are proud to be able to celebrate their many accomplishments."

The athletes listed in alphabetical order are retired CFLer Mike Bradley, hockey standout Glen Dart (deceased), who was considered to be the best hockey player from the area during the 1930s, contributing to winning clubs; retired NHLer Cody Hodgson; Don Beverly "Joe" Iles (deceased), a multi-sport athlete and star defenceman during the 1940s and 1950s;

touted as the Highlands' best all-around female athlete Marla MacNaull, a two-time HHSS athlete of the year and champion in different disciplines such as cross-country running, hockey, baseball, track, floor hockey, field hockey, volleyball, basketball, curling, badminton, and road racing; retired NHLer Bernie Nicholls; retired NHLer Ron Stackhouse; Haliburton's only Olympian Lesley Tashlin; HHSS' only three time athlete of the year Anna Tomlinson, who was a Ontario University Association finalist for York University in the seven-event heptathlon; accomplished competitive curler, Jake Walker, who won bronze at the World Junior Championships in 2010, and Haliburton's first pro football player, Taly Williams.

The builders include Linda J. Brandon, who founded the Haliburton County Red Wolves and brought Special Olympics to the Highlands; community leader and hockey booster Albert John (Ab) LaRue, who was a key figure behind bringing an artificial ice rink to Haliburton through fundraising and building while serving on the Dysart Community Centre Board; and a dedicated community youth coach for baseball and hockey Lenny Salvatori, who was also an athlete that excelled in a variety of sports, and was a long-time volunteer in different capacities, such as 30 years as the Haliburton OMHA representative.

The teams being inducted are the 1934 Haliburton Huskies, who won six championships; the 1956 to 1958 Minden Monarchs, a dominant team in Haliburton County in the 1950s, winning three straight league championships and three straight Eastern Ontario championships, and the 1971 Haliburton Huskies, who

won the Ontario Hockey Association Junior D Championship and the Central Ontario League Playoff Junior D Championship, including the OHA Cup, the Central Ontario Junior D League Championship and the Eastern Ontario Junior D Championship.

The Sports Hall of Fame, which is comprised of volunteers, is a member of the Haliburton County Community Co-oper-

ative Inc. (The Co-op).

The new Hall of Fame will be located on the upper level of the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

This year the official induction ceremonies are scheduled for Oct. 23 at a banquet at the Pinestone Inn and Conference Centre.

See profiles about each of the inductees in upcoming issues of the *Echo* and *Times*.

Non-essential businesses, patios to reopen as Ontario moves into Step 1

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protection against COVID-19. As of Monday, June 6, 72 per cent of adults had received at least one dose, with over 10 million doses now having been administered.

There has also been continued improvement in several key public health and health system indicators. Between May 25 and May 31, the provincial case rate of COVID-19 decreased by 35.1 per cent, while, as of June 6, the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs province-wide is 497, compared to 687 two weeks ago.

Under Step 1 of the 'Roadmap to Reopen' the following can once again take place: outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 10 people; outdoor religious services and ceremonies, including wedding and funeral services; indoor religious services and ceremonies up to 15 per cent capacity;

non-essential retail at 15 per cent capacity; essential retail bumped up to 25 per cent capacity; outdoor dining with up to four people per table; outdoor fitness classes up to ten people; overnight camping at camp grounds; day camps with some restrictions; outdoor attractions such as zoos, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens with capacity and other restrictions; outdoor horse racing tracks and motor speedways without spectators.

In addition, the province is enabling school boards to organize "brief" outdoor end-of-year celebrations for graduating students.

Ontario will remain in Step 1 until at least July 2. If, by then, the province has vaccinated 70 per cent of adults with one dose and 20 per cent of adults with two doses and there continues to be improvements in other key public health and system indicators, the province will move to Step 2 of the 'Roadmap to Reopen'.

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Community honours Haliburton resident on 77th anniversary of D-Day



A line of motorcyclists, stretching down Highway 118 arrive in Haliburton for an event to recognize Second World War veteran Harold Rowen. Submitted by Wendy Evenden

MIKE BAKER

Editor

The Haliburton community came together to honour a real-life war hero this past weekend on the 77th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy.

Ninety-seven-year-old Harold Rowden was a member of the 3rd Division of the 13th Field Regiment on that fateful day – June 6, 1944 – crossing the frigid waters of the English Channel and storming Juno Beach alongside 14,000 of his Canadian comrades as the Allied forces sought to push the Nazis out of France.

According to *Reader's Digest Canada*, who published a story highlighting Rowden's accomplishments in an article in Nov. 2017, 'Rowdy' as he was known by his friends was trained as a dispatch rider. He went ashore near the town of Courseulles-sur-Mer with his bike and fought beside his friends, people he had signed up with back home in Port Hope, Ont.

As a dispatch rider, his job was to transmit coded messages to his commander from various observation posts.

It was fitting then that this past Sunday's event was organized, largely, by motorcyclists. Mark Duggan has been the driving force behind similar rides in other communities over the past number of years. When Rowden recently relocated to Haliburton, becoming one of the first residents of the new Gardens of Haliburton retirement home, Duggan made preparations to ride north.

He organized a route from King City, just north of Toronto, up to the Highlands. Close to 100 bikers in total took part in the event, including 52 individuals from the Haliburton Highlands Riders Club, who tagged on in Carnarvon.

Jim Bird, the Highlanders Riders' club president, was instrumental in ensuring the event went off without a hitch. He communicated back and forth with Duggan, members of his club and the Haliburton Legion in the days leading up to the ride.

Kevin Dunlop was one of the local participants. He spoke to the *Echo* on Monday morning, reflecting on his participation in the ride.

"It felt like an honour... To be able to honour a man that's really given us the freedom to go out and ride and do whatever we want, it's just incredible. At 17 years of age, he was laying his life on the line for his country – Sunday just felt right," Dunlop said.

Linda Heeps, a member of the Haliburton Legion, was similarly moved by the event, saying it almost brought her to tears on multiple occasions.

There were dozens of onlookers from the community stationed across the road from the Legion building, taking in the

spectacle, which included the 100-strong motorcycle party participating in a drive-by along Mountain St. Heeps said the crowd only added to the special feeling of the day.

"This individual is 97 years old, so our ability to thank these people for putting their life on hold to keep us safe... We don't have many chances left," Heeps said. "I always get so emotional over these things. I watched some of the D-Day stuff the night before, and I just couldn't imagine our age group doing something like that. Any age group doing something like that."

"When the landing gears came down, and the boats hit the beaches, these men were coming out against machine guns. I just cannot imagine. Anyone who is a veteran has more bravery than anybody I have ever known," she added.

Rowden got quite emotional as he was presented with a plaque by the motorcyclists, thanking him for his duty all those years ago.

Dunlop had the opportunity to meet Rowden in person, something he said was "absolutely inspiring."

"The surprising thing for me was that he felt undeserving. He stated that he didn't deserve this," Dunlop said. "It was nice to see so many people showing up and telling him that yes, he did deserve it."

While overseas, only a few days after storming Juno Beach, Rowden's regiment was attacked. Four of his comrades died after his troop were hit with a concussion grenade. His commanding officer was struck by a piece of shrapnel, which had lodged into his neck. The man was bleeding out before Rowden stepped in, covered the wound and applied pressure until help arrived, saving the man's life.

His service came to a premature end on July 29 when, during the Battle for Caen, Harold was hit with a blast that seriously injured his left leg. He spent months recovering in mainland Europe, eventually being shipped back to Canada in December 1944.

Rowden received eight medals for his service in WWII, including France's highest honour, the rank of Knight of the French National Order of the Legion of Honour.

Now that he has relocated to Haliburton, Heeps said Rowden would play a pivotal role in upcoming Remembrance Day and Decoration Day celebrations, should he choose to do so.

"Harold is a hero. A true hero. Anything the Legion does, he will always be involved in and invited," Heeps said. "It was just such a special day, and so nice being able to recognize someone who literally put everything on hold and laid their life on the line all those years ago."

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Gardens of Haliburton opens for tours

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's been a few weeks since the Gardens of Haliburton, a retirement residence located on Sunnyside Street near Maple Avenue in Haliburton officially opened its doors to its new residents on May 1, but that hasn't diminished the enthusiasm felt by Phil McKenzie.

McKenzie, who is one of three partners involved in the multi-million-dollar project, said a market study projected only 10 residents would be calling the Gardens of Haliburton home when it opened.

With 24 residents having moved in among the 31 leased units of the 69 units available currently, the development easily outperformed expectations.

"We were pleased with the response from people in Haliburton," he said.

He credited this success to Patti Lou Robinson, director of community relations, the beauty of the area, and how residents were looking for a home that provides retirement living service in Haliburton.

"Haliburton didn't really have a retirement residence that offered this type of service before and so what we certainly found ... everyone has a connection to Haliburton and it's either this was home and for many people they moved to



Gardens of Haliburton residents play dominoes, as part of a regular get-together for the friends. Opened May 1, the residence, which offers retirement living service, has had 24 people move in. /DARREN LUM Staff

Bracebridge, or Lindsay, or Peterborough, or Huntsville to get retirement resident services and then when they found out

that there was going to be a retirement residence in Haliburton then they literally wanted to come home and that is typically what we find," he said. "About 70 per cent of residents will have called this area home and 30 per cent will have had adult children who call this area home.

So, everybody has a connection. It's just a question of what is that connection."

Although the work on the development wasn't shut down during the pandemic, as it was deemed essential and had begun before restrictions were imposed, it did face delays with supply chain issues and workplace COVID-19 protocols.

He adds a current project in Ingersoll, Ont. is currently facing issues for the cost and supply of lumber.

"In the case of Haliburton it was really the social distancing on the construction site and then some supply issues. Most of our building materials had been ordered in advance," he said.

The social distancing measures also dictated that certain trade workers couldn't be on the site at the same time, causing close to three months of delays.

McKenzie said the residence is currently waiting on the delivery of different things, such as the reclining chairs for the hairdressing salon and fitness equipment.

Any other year there would be an opening ceremony to acknowledge the efforts of everyone that helped with this development, but this isn't a typical year with the pandemic and related health safety measures, McKenzie said. He thanked Dysart Mayor Andrea Roberts, the current Dysart council, and past Mayor Murray Fearrey, who played a "huge role."

"There's a number of people locally ... who were instrumental in getting this done," he said.

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Monthly hydro rebates available to low-income households

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Heat Bank Haliburton County is reminding low-income area residents they may be eligible for a year-round hydro rebate.

The Ontario Electricity Support Program [OESP] is a government-led initiative designed to help make hydro bills more manageable for those living on a strict budget. Eligibility depends on how many people live inside the household in question and the total household income.

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An open letter to Indigenous People

Our hearts are going out to Indigenous People and Communities across the country and here in Haliburton County. The discovery of 215 unmarked graves of children of Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc is a clear reminder about the abuse, neglect, trauma and loss of lives that resulted from residential schools. We recognize that the impacts of residential schools and other acts of oppression and racism, impact generations and sadly are still in existence.

As service providers in our community, we are joining with Indigenous leaders to call for the immediate implementation of **Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action**.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

They paved the way

THERE WAS finally something to celebrate this past weekend, as the Haliburton Legion, Haliburton Highlanders Riding Club and dozens of onlookers paid their respects to a man who laid his life on the line time and time again as a teenager during the Second World War.

For those who aren't aware, this past Sunday marked the 77th anniversary of D-Day, when roughly 14,000 Canadians stormed Juno Beach in an attempt to wrestle back control of then Nazi Germany-occupied France.

Harold 'Rowdy' Rowden, a resident of Gardens of Haliburton retirement home, was one of the brave men who made it ashore, doing his part as the Allied forces made important inroads into mainland Europe.

It's almost incomprehensible when thinking about this today – what Rowden did, what he sacrificed, what millions of people sacrificed to ensure their families, their children, their children's children could live a life of freedom.

Seeing the smile imprinted upon Rowden's face as motorcycles whizzed by the local Legion, throwing their hands up in a salute as a sign of respect, was a truly special moment. That he was brought to tears by the sheer number of people in attendance – masked and socially distanced for those wondering – and reiterated time and again that he felt this was all completely unnecessary, and even daring to indicate that he didn't deserve such a spectacle was humbling. It was a testa-

ment to Rowden and his generation – once upon a time they gave everything, yet expected nothing in return.

As I wrote this column, I initially stated the event, just for a moment, made me forget about COVID-19, pandemics, lockdowns and restrictions. It made me even more anxious, if that were even possible, to get back to normal. To make gatherings like this more of a frequent happening.

Then, early Monday afternoon, the news came in. Ontario was reopening. Now, I know we've been here before. False dawns have practically defined the past 12 months in our province. But something just feels... different. I think that boils down to the fact the vast majority of us are now well on the way to being fully vaccinated.

Whatever the case may be, I'm sure I wasn't the only one yesterday who

breathed a humongous sigh of relief. It feels like we're finally there. That light at the end of the tunnel people have been waffling on about now for well over a year has finally arrived.

As things slowly start to open up over the next few weeks and months, take a moment to realize why we're here. And no, I'm not talking about Doug Ford's so-called careful COVID management.

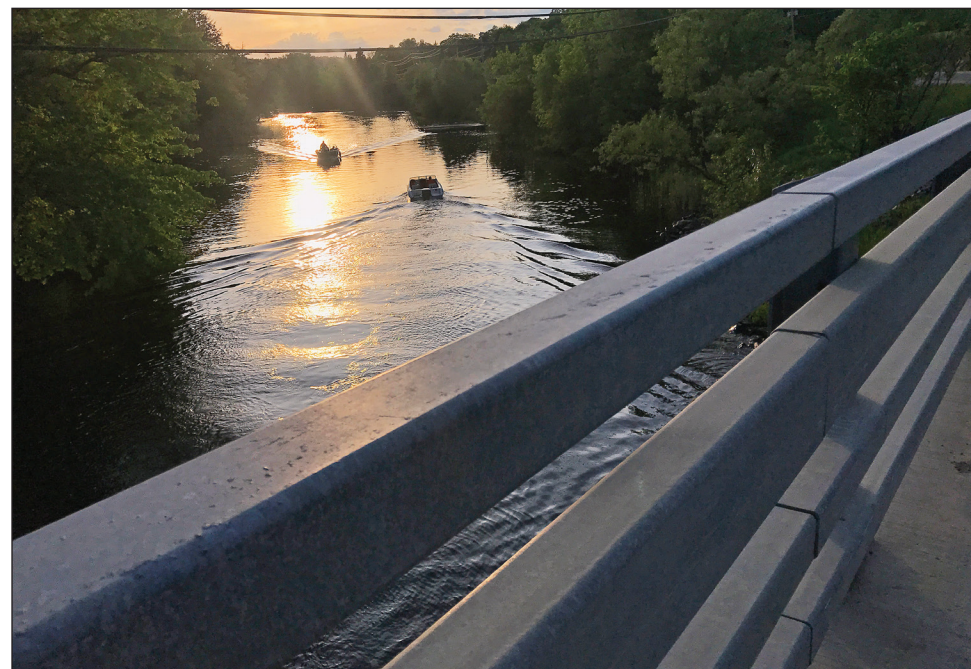
I'm talking about the Harold Rowdens of the world. They paved the way for the life we have today.

Thank you for your many sacrifices.



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Editorial



Spring sunset traffic

by Darren Lum

Marie and John

THE CONVERSATIONS began almost a year ago. We were into the fourth month of the pandemic and I had started driving down to see my parents again in Acton. We were all dealing with the challenges of being required to stay home, and yet wanting company and, in the case of my parents, some support.

After a number of discussions, we decided that Jim and I would have a small addition built onto our house and John and Marie would move to Haliburton. They would leave their home of 61 years and move to cottage country. Construction began in November and a week ago my mom and dad moved into their new home, with their little dog Jester.

There are so many stories from this whole experience, enough to fill a book. Jim and I have lived in our home for 31 years, and have never moved. My parents had no experience with moving. To say we all underestimated the task is an understatement.

We underestimated everything, from how much stuff they had, to how long it would take to pack, how many boxes would be needed and the skill it would take to pack a dumpster efficiently.

I underestimated how emotional it would be for everyone. There were times when I felt completely overwhelmed and stressed.

In those moments I often thought of Caroline Myss, who is a teacher, an author and has a speciality in human health. I've listened to so many podcasts by her over the last year and she says that our "resilience, our groundedness, our calm and ease" all come from deep within ourselves and we

all require practices to strengthen that dimension of our being. We have to dive deep into ourselves to navigate challenges that come our way in life.

Caroline herself does not meditate or do yoga. She believes in the power of quiet sitting, reading, writing and prayer and asking for what you need.

So throughout the week long process I just kept asking for help, and trusting it would come in its own time in its own unique way. And it did. It came in the form of my sister coming from Vancouver for the first time in

over two years to be with us and to help. It came with North Country Movers, who moved all of the furniture from my parents' house in Acton to Haliburton. The movers were patient, light-hearted, professional and flexible! They made us smile through the whole process.

Help also came from my friends, who dropped off meals, loaves, pies, gin, wine and chocolate and lots of text messages. It came from the builder who has been moving

the building project forward, even in the challenges of COVID. It came from my parents, who made a smooth transition with so much grace and gratitude. It came from my husband, who trusts the whole process and stays positive through everything.

My parents have never had a cottage vacation and here they are living in cottage country, overlooking our Great Green Meadow. They already love the beauty, the quiet, our gardens, our animals and the fact that we can sit down and have dinner together whenever we want.

There will be challenges, and there will be so much goodness from this decision. Meanwhile I will keep on meditating, doing yoga, spending time in nature and praying.

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Fountain of use

THE OTHER day while I was walking in Head Lake Park, I stopped by the beautiful fountain when my mind began to wonder why fountains were invented. After all, a fountain is essentially functional art.

For instance, I use that fountain as sort of a car wash for my dog. Typically, all it takes is three circuits around it to get all but the most stubborn stains out.

But I also realize the idea of having a clean dog is a relatively new concept in human history that came about roughly around the same time some fool invented the new couch.

But since we only got ours early in 2019, it was obvious the fountain preceded that.

Lucky for you, I did a bit of Internet research by asking guys on an amateur historians forum about fountains and discovered that the first conversation about a fountain probably occurred in ancient Rome and went something like this:

"We need something to make the peasants use my pay urinal," said Flushio, the inventor of the pay urinal. "Any ideas, Fountainio?" he then asked. "I know," Fountainio said, "why not pour water on the ground each time an older man passes so he is reminded that his bladder is not what it used to be?"

The idea, it turned out, was a success but it was rather labour intensive and, after Flushio made a second profitable pay urinal, Fountainio was getting very tired of constantly running to the river and returning with a full pitcher of water.

"There's got to be a better way,"



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Loon Tales

he mused.

But, before he found it, the first beer garden was opened, and his services were no longer required.

Fast forward 500 years and one of the rich descendants of the first beer garden owner was having a problem with his third storey bath on a Sunday during a long weekend. No one had invented a functional drain plug yet, so every time his tub was filled with water, it drained onto the uneven floor and flowed off the balcony and fell into a big rain cistern on street level.

Since plumbers charged double-time on Sundays as well as mileage and it was a long weekend, the bath owner decided he'd take a less expensive approach. He simply ordered his servants to use buckets to continually collect the water that was falling into the cistern, then walk it up three sets of stairs in order to pour it back into the bathtub all over again. Then, it leaked back down, and the process was repeated.

Eventually, the servants started throwing whatever coins they had into the cistern to help pay for the plumber so they could do other less strenuous and more pleasant servant stuff.

After carefully watching all this unfold, the owner of the bath realized he was onto something big. So, he used the money to build a shower stall on street level.

Coincidentally, about the same time, some really strange sculptor created a statue of a peeing cherub. No one knows why or even bothered to ask. Regardless, one thing led to another, and the first fountain was soon built around it. The thinking behind this, according to the guys at the forum, is still a bit cloudy.

No matter. Fountains caught on like wildfire and before you knew it, every town had one. Apparently, people gathered around to see the peeing cherub, which, at one time, was the height of comedy.

Between you and me, there is a good chance that most of this story is, at least in some part, historically inaccurate. But you have to admit, it flows nicely.



pic of the past

An early image of the Haliburton cenotaph, located within the old Memorial Park. The Echo's present-day office is pictured in the background.

A brief history of Haliburton's downtown Cenotaph

STEVE HILL

Haliburton Highlands Museum curator

This past while has been quiet at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, with the result that I have been working on cataloguing some of the incoming photographs.

There is quite a backlog. One photo of much interest came to light, not because of the picture itself, but for the newspaper clippings pasted to the back. They are accounts of the cenotaph unveiling ceremonies, as printed under "Haliburton Happenings" in the old *Minden Echo*. We have never seen these before!

The event was scheduled for June 7, and also, apparently, occurred on a Tuesday. According to our perpetual calendar, the only years immediately following WWI in which June 7 fell on a Tuesday were 1921 and 1927. This must be a 1921 event given that Sir Sam Hughes (1853-1921), referred to in one of the articles, was still alive. He passed away in August of that year. Glen Eagle was his summer home at Eagle Lake, which is now Sir Sam's Inn.

There are three different views of the unveiling itself, two from Highland St. and one taken from York St. There are also some pictures of the cenotaph. The one of the cenotaph's front is a 1920s view showing its original configuration. Notice the bayonet which crossed the rifle to form a cross. The cenotaph was later vandalized and the bayonet broken off, its whereabouts unknown, and the culprits unknown.

This picture, displayed above, also shows the present-day *Echo* office in the background. The view of the cenotaph's back shows the original names of honour, eight in total. It also shows some of the construction debris, so it must be one of the earliest photos of the monument, even pre-dating the dedication.

After WWII, the municipality was compelled to add the names of the 12 local men who died

during that conflict. A committee was formed in 1947 with W.R. Curry and some of the Haliburton Legion members to address this issue. The result was the bronze plaque which presently covers the original names, paying tribute to the fallen of both wars. I have not been able to determine when this plaque was made or installed; indeed, and sadly, there are no photographs or accounts at hand regarding a re-dedication ceremony.

Once upon a time there were some mounted guns which stood in the cenotaph grounds, but some of them were stolen. These guns were Allied souvenirs brought home by some of the local returning men.

In the 1930s, a man named Charlie Irish, whose house was located on what is now Highland St. looked after the cenotaph grounds for the municipality. These were sacred grounds to him and he admonished any children he caught inside the fence, i.e., it was not a playground.

The *Echo's* own Creighton Feir told me this; he got told off one time by Mr. Irish when he went inside merely just to have a closer look at the cenotaph, curious as children are. Somebody once told me that there were some trees, and a nice one in particular, growing on this lot that had to be cut down to make way for the cenotaph. W.R. Curry was reeve at the time and he took a lot of flak for authorizing their removal. Too bad – eight soldiers are worth more than a few trees in my eyes.

Previous to the cenotaph's erection, this had been a bit of a public park, albeit small. In Ron Curry's book *Haliburton 100 Years*, p. 61, the Haliburton Citizens' Band is shown in this park, circa 1905.

When the Canadian Governor General Lord Willingdon paid his visit to Haliburton Village in 1930, part of his itinerary included planting some trees at the Cenotaph. They graced the monument grounds until their removal around 1993.

Need for services at local YWCA increases 20 per cent during pandemic

MIKE BAKER

Editor

The YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County has a rather unique goal – to put itself out of business.

However, according to Darlene Smith-Harrison, transition support and women's centre manager, the organization is further away from that objective than it has, perhaps, ever been.

Since 1986, the YWCA has served as a beacon of hope for women and children across the Highlands, offering a wide-range of supports and programs to victims of abuse and violence. Operating under the YWCA Peterborough Haliburton umbrella, the women's centre specializes in three areas – transition support, clinical therapy and family law information and support.

While there has always been a need for service in Haliburton County, that demand has intensified during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Through our transition support program we have seen an increase of 20 per cent in the number of women requiring our services since March of last year," Smith-Harrison said. "That is a huge increase. Certainly higher than anything we've seen before year over year."

The YWCA offers free, confidential support to women who are concerned about the health of their relationship or are planning to leave an abusive situation. Supports are provided by phone or in-person, with flexible meeting arrangements in safe locations throughout Haliburton County. Staff also provide safety assessments, court support for criminal and family court matters, transportation to and from appointments, emergency transportation, housing information and details to help individuals better understand the effects of violence and trauma, both on women and children.

While there is considerable concern over the increase in local numbers over the past 15 months, Smith-Harrison said they actually fall under the national average over the same time period.

"Women's organizations across Canada have seen a 30 per cent increase in the need for safety and supports since the pandemic began," Smith-Harrison said. "It's an alarming increase, especially so considering the severity

of cases we respond to are increasing also..."

"COVID-19 has increased the barriers for women when attempting to escape violent situations, especially in rural areas. Reaching out to supports has become more challenging when these women are trapped alongside the controlling or abusive person day and night due to lockdown, so the considerable increase is that much more concerning," she added.

The increased demand has put a strain on the local women's shelter, who only gets a percentage of their costs covered through the government. The YWCA has to fundraise for approximately 35 per cent of their budget each and every year.

With that in mind the organization has launched a new month-long fundraiser throughout June titled 'Will You Help Make Sure They have a Safe Way Out?' They hope that, with the help of the community, they will be able to raise \$10,000 to cover costs associating with running their transition support programs.

Money will also be used to maintain the Haliburton Emergency Rural Safespace [HERS]. HERS provides a unique safe space within Haliburton County so that women and their children can move away from the abusive situation in their home, without leaving their support systems, jobs, schools, families and friends behind.

The organization has two independent living units in the county.

"HERS is a truly unique program in the sense that it gives women time to readjust and consider and contemplate their next steps without fleeing from their community," Smith-Harrison said. "It's a temporary solution rather than a permanent fix, but it's all about providing a safe space to those who desperately need it."

Statistics from the YWCA's 2019/20 fiscal year show that the occupancy rate of the two units was 94.6 per cent, with the average length of stay sitting at 68.5 days.

Smith-Harrison said there have been many success stories, with women often transitioning into permanent living situations away from their abusive partners.

Even after a successful transition, Smith-Harrison encourages women to make use of the YWCA's programming as they adapt to a new life.

"Most women do still use our services, and we do encourage that. It's a whole other new transition going

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Abuse can be verbal, physical, mental, emotional, sexual, financial or spiritual in nature. Abuse can come in many forms and many behaviours.

— Darlene Smith-Harrison

out on their own. It may be the first time ever that they've lived alone, so need supports that way, maybe the family court system is moving slowly and they need help there – there's still so much help and assistance we can provide individuals once they've moved on from HERS," Smith-Harrison said.

When discussing the types of abuse she sees, Smith-Harrison said it's all encompassing.

"Abuse can be verbal, physical, mental, emotional, sexual, financial or spiritual in nature. Abuse can come in many forms and many behaviours – whether it be forced manipulation, controlling tendencies, physical attacks..." she said.

If you are concerned that someone you know may be a victim of domestic abuse, Smith-Harrison said to always call 911 if you suspect someone may be in immediate danger. Aside from that, if trying to help, she advises to "gently and privately" let the individual know you're concerned and ask how you can help.

"Help her get in touch with agencies such as ours that can help. Be very patient. It's important that we support women where they're at in their process. Don't be pushy. Let her know you're there for her if and when she needs it," Smith-Harrison noted.

For more information on the YWCA Women's Centre of Haliburton County and its programs, visit ywcapeterborough.org/programs-services/ywca-womens-centre-of-haliburton-county.

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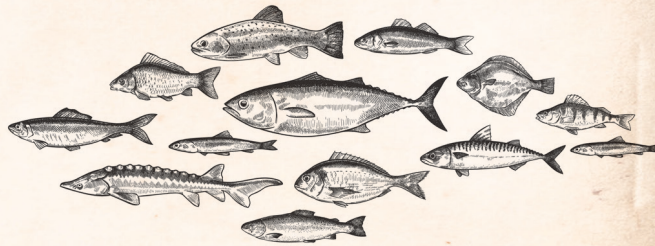
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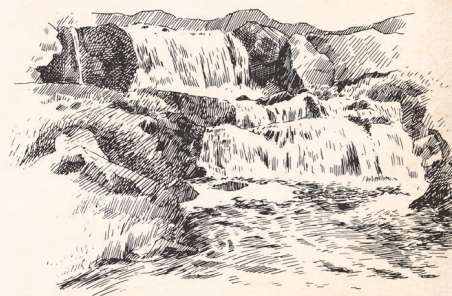
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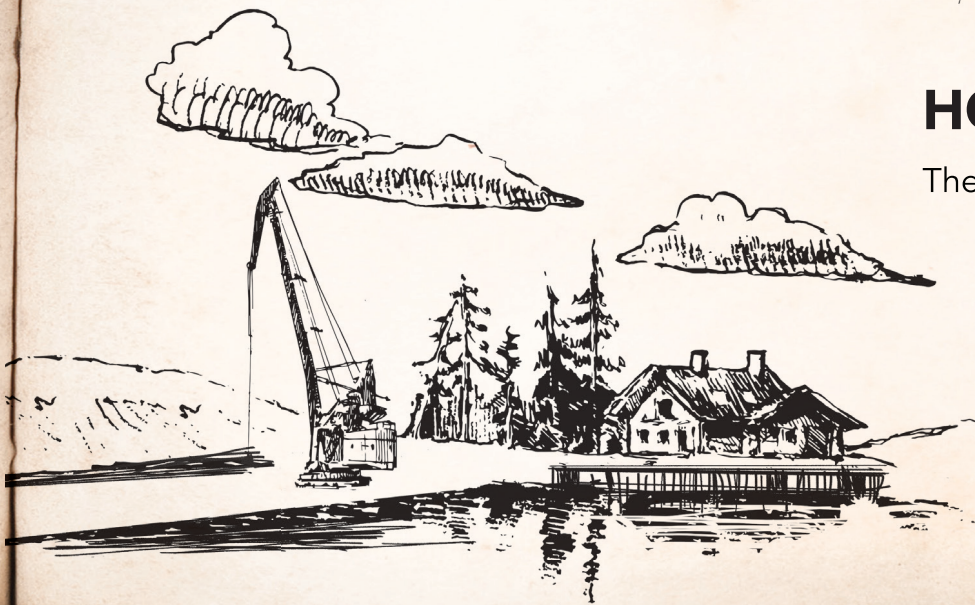
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Local municipalities and library honoured for exemplary environmental programming

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Haliburton County's four lower-tier municipalities have been recognized for their environmental outreach and programming throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dysart et al, Algonquin Highlands, Minden Hills and Highlands East were acknowledged at the 2021 Promotion and Education Awards, held by the Municipal Waste Association on June 2.

The quartet, along with the County of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Public Library, took home silver in the Social Media & Online Strategy award for their fall 2020 Waste Reduction Week in Canada social media campaign.

"The partnership between four small municipalities, the county and the library, helped effectively deliver consistent and clear waste diversion messaging to residents," one of the award's judges commented.

From Oct. 19 to 25 last year, the local coalition teamed up to provide information on how to reduce the amount of garbage each of us creates. The social media accounts of all of the municipalities and the library offered tips on waste reduction and provided recommendations for themed books that would help individuals improve their

environmental footprint.

Together, the group also put together a schedule of online events that local residents could attend virtually, including a collection of 'Maker Break' activities, showcasing how people can reuse old materials to create items such as a fabric mache bowl, egg geodes and recycled candles.

Dysart left the event with a second commendation – the Gold Print Tool Award for its children's activity book 'Let's Protect the Environment Together', which was made available online and for pickup last fall.

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"By targeting a specific audience, this activity book was fun and creative, and demonstrated that small municipalities can implement effective promotion and creation," one of the judges remarked.

The Municipal Waste Association is an incorporated not-for-profit organization formed in 1987 by Ontario municipal waste management professionals to facilitate the sharing of municipal waste reduction and recycling information and experience. The organization's annual promotion and education awards recognize outstanding achievements by Ontario municipalities for the use of effective waste minimization and diversion communication efforts.

Haliburton Highlands OPP investigate Wilberforce death

On June 3, at approximately 2 p.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), along with EMS, responded to a call for service regarding a body located in the water of Dark Lake in Wilberforce.

The deceased has been identified as Steven Honderich, 60, of Highlands East township. A post-mortem examination is scheduled at the Centre of Forensic Sciences in Toronto.

Foul play is not suspected at this time and there is no threat to public safety.

The investigation is being led by the Haliburton Highlands OPP Crime Unit. Anyone with information is asked to call Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS(8477).

Staff

Shoreline Preservation Bylaw – Concerns over the firm that was hired!

After months of shoreline discussion, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association applauded the decision of the County councilors to allow an outside, unbiased firm help shape the Shoreline Preservation Bylaw. We were looking forward to working alongside the County of Haliburton and the firm that would be awarded the RFP. As a collective we were confident that the end result would help sustain the pristine conditions of our local lakes but not negatively impact our local economy.

We were following the progress of the RFP intently but we were not interested in spreading misinformation and propaganda like some of the other local stakeholders in the community. However, after discovering who was awarded the contract for the RFP, we have deep concerns. The existing relationship this firm has with some of the other stakeholder groups involved is something that should have been researched by the committee that awarded the RFP. The HCHBA feels that if the County wants this process to be fair and unbiased that this issue needs to be resolved in a timely manner.

We at HCHBA, are in favour of a Shoreline Preservation Bylaw, the request to have it reasonable for property owners and sustain water quality is a delicate balance. Our children and grandchildren depend on the solutions we come up with.



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A banner is installed on a light pole on Highland Street in Haliburton on Wednesday, June 2. The banners, which are located on Highland Street, York Street and Maple Avenue, are a Business Improvement Area initiative and feature images that highlight the beauty and colours of the Highlands throughout the year. The images are the work of local artists Rose Pearson, Harvey Walker, Jane Selbie, Nancy McKinnon and Janet Bradley, who were chosen by a jury. There are also a selection of banners which showcase some of our local arts and not-for-profit organizations. For more information about the BIA projects see www.downtownhaliburton.com/ DARREN LUM Staff

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Mixed reaction from parents after government's school announcement

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take unnecessary risks with our children right now. The fact is, we're fighting a third wave driven by variants and unlike the original strains, we know that some of the variants we're fighting right now are more dangerous for children. It can make younger people very, very sick. And we also know that until we get more students and teachers vaccinated, outdoor activities are safest right now."

The government expects to "reach all youth aged 12 and over who want a vaccine with a first dose before the end of June and with a second dose by the end of August 2021."

Ford said the decision to not open in-person learning in schools in June would allow kids "to safely enjoy camps and outdoor activities this summer," making a safe return to school in September.

According to modelling presented by the province's science advisory table, an increase of six to 11 per cent could be seen in the number of new daily COVID-19 cases if schools reopened.

"It is unknown how many of these would be the new, more dangerous B.1.617.2 variant first identified in India, which has entered the province through Canada's borders," said the province's press release.

During this third lockdown, the number of daily cases has dropped from more than 4,800 cases in mid-April to 699 cases last week when the announcement was made.

Almost 1.5 million elementary and secondary students in Ontario have been learning at home since mid-April, when the province went into a third lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some students – about 500,000 – have been learning at home by choice since the beginning of the school year. Students enrolled in what the board describe as 'special education' programs have had the option to attend school in-person continuously.

According to spokesperson Sinead Fegan, Trillium Lakelands District School Board found out about the plan for schools to remain generally closed at the same time as others in the province.

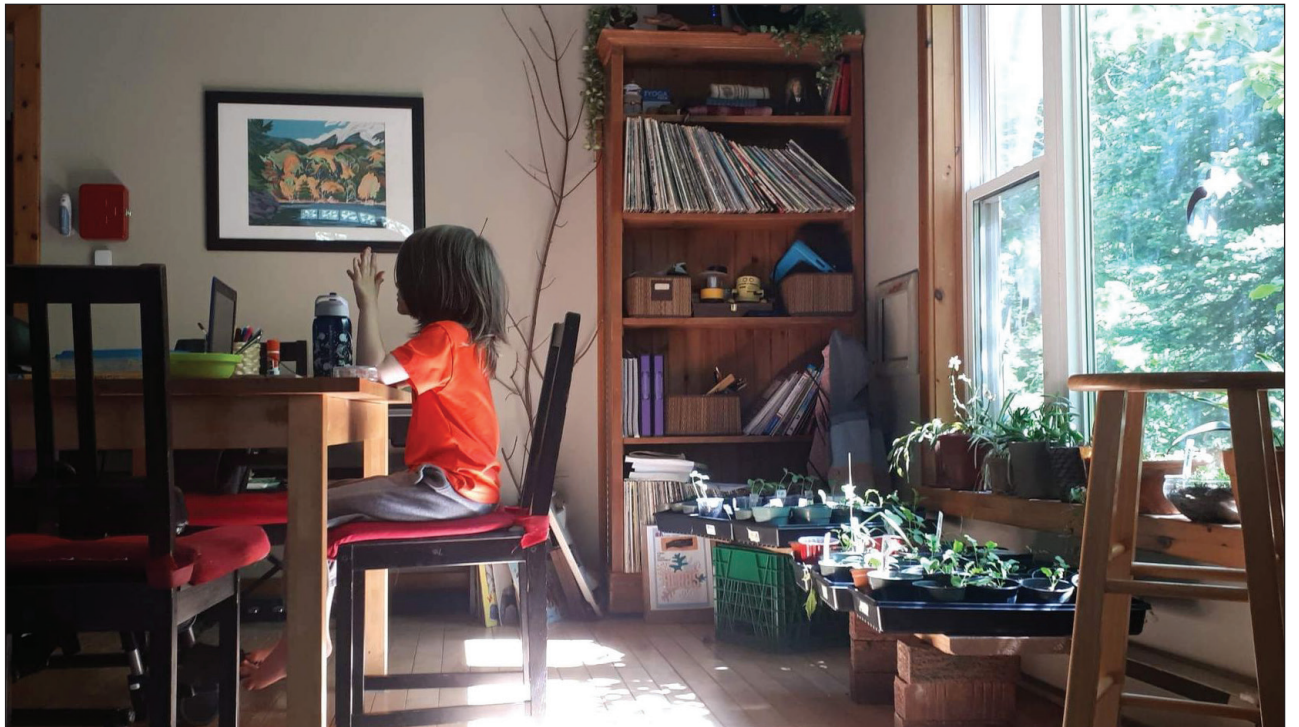
"Shortly before the announcement, several provincial news outlets suggested that the decision would be for students to remain in online learning," said Fegan. "However, school boards did not receive the official announcement until the premier's press conference."

According to Fegan, "Trillium Lakelands District School Board schools will continue to provide the best learning experience possible while students engage in online learning from home for the remainder of the school year."

Reaction from parents across the province, who were long-awaiting an announcement about the remaining month of school, was mixed. While some spoke out saying they were not engaged in online learning and were starting an early summer after a difficult year, others were disappointed to not have the in-person closure their students wanted with teachers and friends. Some parents said it made sense to not return for a few weeks of school – especially if it might result in increased COVID-19 cases – after most grades had been inputted, while others struggled with childcare or working from home and supporting students who were learning at home.

Cindy-Jo Nesbitt's kids are in high school. Walker is in Grade 10 at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and Sterling is in Grade 12 at Ontario Hockey Academy.

"I was disappointed to hear the students were not returning," she said. "The statement of getting all teachers vaccinated seemed to be redundant as I feel most adults have their first shot of a vaccine already. Frustrated that people can go golfing and socialize, but our



Last week's announcement that schools will not open for in-person learning has some parents frustrated and some parents in agreement. Students who opted for in-person learning have been home from school since April. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

kids don't have the same opportunity to reconnect with peers."

Walker has been online for 90 per cent of the school year, said Nesbitt. He started the year learning from home, but returned to in-person learning for socialization, and then schools closed again.

"The school year has been filled with frustrations, arguments, and a constant battle for Wi-Fi," said Nesbitt.

As Nesbitt's kids are older, nothing changes in their home with the announcement, she said. They're "just trying to push through for the next couple weeks at home."

"The pandemic has pushed us all to our limits," she said. "I'm proud of the parents/guardians who have been by their children through this all. The students need a large round of applause for being who they are. Teachers need high fives for being present for our kids' education. But in the end, we all just want to go back to normal – whatever 'normal' may look like now."

Lindsay Hughes' kids are in Grade 1 and Grade 4. "It's been a bit hectic," she said of the school year. "The kids having to wear masks all day, and not being able to [actually] socialize with friends."

Her kids began school at home until after Thanksgiving when they returned to in-person after first choosing school at home, and have been back to online learning since April.

"We have been doing online – it's been a bit of a struggle," she said. "We do not go on every day. I've just decided it isn't worth the frustration for them and myself. It's hard to sit online all day being ages six and nine, so I can't blame them."

Hughes said she is happy they will be staying home for the remainder of the year.

"If the cases are going to rise for them to just be back for three weeks, I don't find it worth it," she said. "I would much rather them have a good summer and be able to have friends around more. If they did go back, and cases were to rise who knows what it would look like for September."

Amanda Clement's son is in senior kindergarten. The school year for them, she said, has been "unpredictable,"

with two provincial lockdowns throughout the school year resulting in students "bouncing from in-school to online."

Since April, they have been doing some online learning, alongside workbooks they have at home.

"I feel it should have been a regional approach to go back to in-class," she said. "Our community has had low, if not zero cases for a while now. I always felt safe for my son to be in-person learning. The majority of his class time was spent outdoors. He is missing class structure, social settings with peers and is struggling to stay focussed with the online type learning."

While Clement said it doesn't affect or change her life much, her son is disappointed.

"He was hoping for in-class learning," she said. "He enjoys school, he benefits from the structure of the class setting and he misses seeing other children other than his two-year-old brother."

Despite the disappointment in the announcement, Clement said they won't cut the school year short for an early summer.

"We will continue to do what we can," she said.

Fegan said, "It is important to note that support is available to students who may need assistance from staff, including from our Student Services Attendance Counsellors. We ask that parents/guardians contact the classroom teacher or the school to request assistance if needed."

During last week's announcement, Ford also suggested schools hold outdoor graduation events for all students before the end of June.

"Students have worked incredibly hard throughout the pandemic, with important milestones like graduation ceremonies impacted," reads the government's press release. "Ontario students deserve this positive conclusion to their academic journey, safely. The government will allow school boards to invite graduating students in elementary schools, by class, and secondary schools, by homeroom/quadmastered class, to return to school

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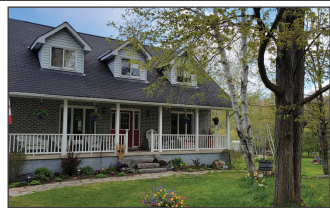
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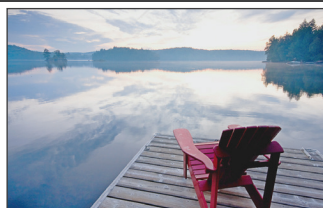
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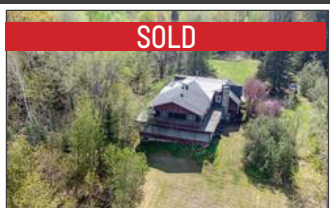
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Principals' Council calls in-person grad recommendation 'impractical and unrealistic'

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in June for a short, outdoor celebration, where physical distancing is possible.” TLDSB graduation plans have been

in place at schools since April 30. Fegan said senior administration are currently reviewing direction from the province and seeking advice from local public health.

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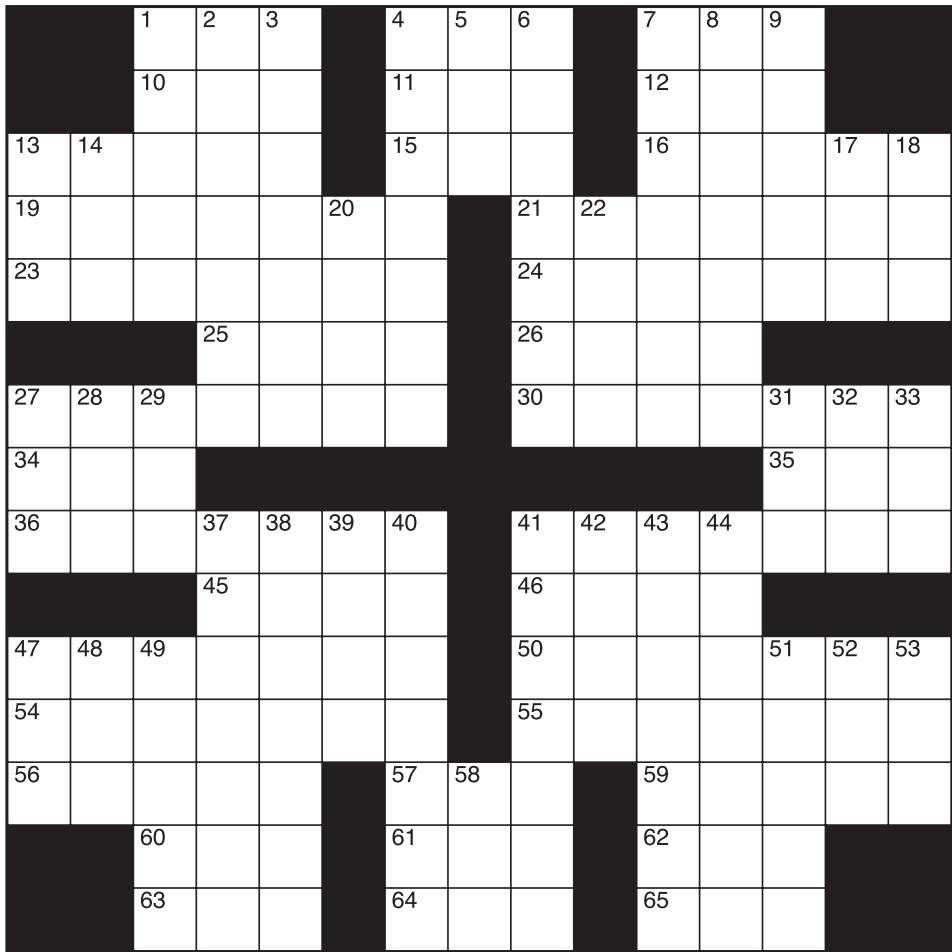
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- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Sr. enlisted Army member
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 - 7. Monetary unit of Macao
 - 10. Cooking vessel
 - 11. Cow sound
 - 12. Hairpiece
 - 13. Spoon-shaped surgical instrument
 - 15. Mother
 - 16. Remove from record
 - 19. Foolish
 - 21. Mailman
 - 23. Unit of data size
 - 24. Stirred
 - 25. Deceptive movement
 - 26. We all have one
 - 27. Direct from pasture beef animal
 - 30. A person's own self
 - 34. Helps little firms
 - 35. Deep, red-brown sea bream
 - 36. Tumbler
 - 41. A short section of a musical composition
 - 45. Young woman (French)
 - 46. Wings
 - 47. Wine bottles
 - 50. Thin layers of rock
 - 54. Opposite to
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Small stem bearing leaves
 - 2. Female Bacchanalians
 - 3. Mediterranean city
 - 4. Measures electric current
 - 5. Arrived extinct
 - 6. Edible butterfish
 - 7. Causing wonder or astonishment
 - 8. Behaviors showing high moral standards
 - 9. Ancient Irish alphabets
 - 13. Footballer Newton
 - 14. Utilize
 - 17. Sum of absolute errors
 - 18. Opposite of the beginning
 - 20. Shoe company
 - 22. Algerian port city
 - 27. Girls organization (abbr.)
 - 28. Type of cell (abbr.)
 - 29. Swiss river
 - 31. When you hope to get there
 - 32. Fall behind
 - 33. Expresses distaste, disapproval
 - 37. Volume containing several novels
 - 38. Less sharp
 - 39. Food for the poor
 - 40. Having made a valid will
 - 41. Royal estates
 - 42. Relating to wings
 - 43. Japanese three-stringed lute
 - 44. Taking something through force
 - 47. Angry
 - 48. Before the present
 - 49. Showy ornaments
 - 51. Norway
 - 52. Comedienne Gasteyer
 - 53. Consume
 - 58. Founder of Babism
- Answers on page 16*

The Ontario Principals' Council responded quickly to the announcement, making a statement within hours of Ford's press conference, noting that school staff had already made plans in May and June that follow public health guidelines to celebrate graduates, including through 'drive-thrus,' virtually recorded sessions or other events that don't require large gatherings.

"Regardless of the format, considerable time and care has been put into planning this milestone," reads the statement. "Asking schools to change direction and organize an outdoor event, while social distancing restrictions are still in place, is impractical and unrealistic. It would also lead to additional costs – to cancel and plan for a new event – that schools do not have the budget to accommodate at this time.

"Since March 2020, schools, boards and educators have been asked to 'pivot' numerous times, reverting from in-person, to virtual, to hybrid learning models. The education system has been turned on its head, and the learning environment has undergone numerous changes and revisions. And in every case, educators have responded as the professionals they are, doing what was necessary to comply with medical advice, emergency measures, lockdowns, stay-at-home orders and ongoing changes in government policy.

Now we are being asked to revert and pivot again, to cancel graduation plans already in place and organize outdoor events amid social distancing restrictions. This is simply not possible or practical. It is unrealistic and disrespectful to Ontario educators to expect such a considerable shift in planning at this point in the school year."

Since Ford's announcement, the Toronto District School Board and Toronto Catholic District School Board have confirmed there will not be outdoor functions this year, with ceremonies occurring virtually as planned.

TLDSB said more information about the end of the school year and plans for next year will be available to parents toward the end of the school year.

"Families will receive further information about collecting belongings and dropping off devices at the school within the coming weeks," said Fegan. "Planning for summer learning for some students is underway, as well as preparations for the new school year. We know this has been a challenging year for everyone - our staff, our students, and our families. We are looking forward to a new school year when we can teach and learn in our buildings."

For more information or TLDSB updates visit <https://www.tldsb.ca/covid19/>.

Learn to sing without breaking the bank courtesy of Highlands Opera Studio

MIKE BAKER

Editor

Highlands Opera Studio is offering singing enthusiasts from across Haliburton County the opportunity to learn from the best courtesy of a new 'pay what you can' initiative.

Made possible through a new partnership with the Haliburton County Development Corporation, who will be subsidizing the initiative, individuals interested in taking singing lessons with professionals from Highlands Opera Studio can do so without worrying whether or not they can afford it.

From now until March 2022, Highlands Opera Studio will be providing lessons to individuals virtually, over Zoom, with participants encouraged to pay only what they can afford. Lessons will be 30 minutes in length, with a maximum of 20 lessons allowed per student. The program is open to singers of all ages and all musical styles across Haliburton County.

Valerie Kuinka, general manager and co-artistic director of Highlands Opera Studio, said the initiative would provide a much-needed boost to an arts community that has been starved of in-person programming and events throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are fortunate to be in a community where performing arts thrive through deep appreciation and avid participation. From the shared experience of sitting in an audience, to singing together in a band, onstage in a show, in a choir or congregation, or playing an instrument in an orchestra, the ability to have fun together or alone by expressing oneself through the act of making music is a celebration of the human spirit and can be essential to mental health," Kuinka said.

"This past year has been devastating for so many, including those who have been

denied the ability to express themselves through the shared act of making and performing live music," she added.

Kuinka is calling on individuals and businesses who have "thrived" financially during the pandemic to pay it forward and support this new initiative.

"Any additional revenue received through the pay-what-you-can and pay it forward policy would be turned back into the budget for these lessons," a recent Highlands Opera Studio press release states. "The total number of students [we can teach] would depend on this additional revenue received, as well as number of lessons given to any one person."

With COVID-19 restrictions expected to loosen come June 14, and the province to open up more in the weeks and months ahead providing case counts remain low, Kuinka said it's possible that lessons could be provided in-person down the line.

Now that Highlands Opera Studio has become so well versed in offering programming virtually, Kuinka said she expects things such as online classes to become a permanent fixture, even after this pandemic is behind us.

"Even though there is light at the end of the tunnel for a return to in-person activities sometime in 2021, the possibility of teaching voice through Zoom has meant we can offer singing lessons throughout the year to residents of Haliburton County, instead of only in the summer through the Highlands Opera Community School," Kuinka said.

She added, "This can continue even when the pandemic is a thing of the past. Through the Highlands Opera Community School online we look forward to providing this resource and opportunity to residents of Haliburton County."

To learn more and to book lessons, contact Lauren Margison at lauren@highlandsoperastudio.com.

Youth vaccine clinics to be held June 23, June 26

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit press conference held virtually on June 2 with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking.

The health unit recommends youth aged 12 to 17 years of age getting the COVID-19 vaccine, and has sent a message through the Trillium Lakelands District School board to parents, guardians and students regarding upcoming youth vaccination clinics.

"Vaccinating youth protects them from being infected with COVID-19, getting sick from COVID-19 [and] spreading COVID-19 to others," reads the letter.

Youth-only immunization clinics will take place at mass immunization clinics throughout the region. A clinic will be held at the Campbellford Curling Club on June 21, at the Cobourg Community Centre on June 14, 20 and 27, at the Fenelon Falls Community Centre on June 25, at the Lindsay Exhibition on June 15, 17, 19 and 22 and at Minden's S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on June 26. Visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-youth> to learn more or call 1-833-943-3900 to book an appointment.

Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team is hosting a vaccination clinic for students aged 12 to 17 on June 23 at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, according to a June 1 press release from the HHFHT.

"As you are aware, vaccination has proven to be an effective measure in the control of COVID-19," reads the release, signed by Dr. Tina Stephenson. "The toll of school closures is huge and so the safe reopening of schools is key to improvements in both the mental, physical and academic well-being of your youth."

The clinic will be held from 3 to 7 p.m., with later hours to "help accommodate transportation challenges," according to the release. Registration and appointment booking must be made in order to have accurate quantity of vaccine delivered – the vaccine available is made by Pfizer, which is the vaccine that has so far been approved for those 12 and up, and 150 doses are available. By June 21, call 705-457-1212 and select option 5 or 6 to set up an appointment. The health unit told reporters there are 4,320 youth-only appointments available through clinics in all three counties. Youth aged 12 to 17 are also able to book appointments through pharmacies and their primary health care providers.

The school health team of the health unit can be reached at 1-866-888-4577, extension 1508.

Booking accelerated second shot appointments

As of Monday, June 7, individuals turning 70 and older in 2021, as well as those who received their first dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccines on or before April 18 will be able to book an earlier appointment for their second dose of vaccine at a mass immunization clinic, including those in Haliburton County.

To book a first or second dose vaccine appointment, subject to availability, visit www.ontario.ca/bookvaccine or call 1-888-999-6488.

"As its vaccine supply increases, the HKPRD health unit is providing more vaccination booking appointments in coming weeks across its region, including Haliburton County," said Bill Eekhof, spokesperson for the health unit. "If individuals cannot immediately book a local appointment, they should check back as the health unit will be adding more clinic slots on the provincial booking system."

Vaccine appointments for second doses can also be booked through pharmacies and primary care providers taking part in the vaccine roll-out.

Most HKPR COVID-19 cases since April identified as variants of concern

Since April 1, 73.6 per cent of new cases across the HKPR region have been identified as variants of concern. As of June 2, 730 cases in the region had screened positive as a variant of concern, with 372 of those cases in City of Kawartha Lakes, 325 in Northumberland County and 33 in Haliburton County. "For these mutations, we still don't have confirmation of which variants of concern some of those lab values were, but the vast majority has still remained to be the B117 variant, which is the variant identified in the U.K.," said Bocking.

HKPR residents 65 per cent vaccinated

As of May 31, 82,934 doses of vaccine had been administered throughout the HKPR region, with 104,784 residents having received their first dose – some in other regions – and 11,108 residents having received both their first and second dose of vaccine. In terms of the proportion of population who have received the vaccine, 61.1 per cent of the HKPRD population 12 and older has received their first dose, 64.6 per cent of the population that is 18 and older has received their first dose, and 81.7 per cent of the population that is 60 and older has received their first

dose. Bocking said that as of May 31, the region's population is 64.6 per cent vaccinated, which she said is "pretty close," with the 65 per cent target set for the end of May by the province, noting that goal had been reached in the days between the end of May and the date of the press conference.

"That's quite exciting and quite a huge achievement for residents in our region and all of the healthcare partners and community organizations that have been participating and supporting this vaccine rollout," said Bocking.



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Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on July 8, 2021, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Submitted tenders will be opened virtually by Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting using the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8484848484> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 26200 0000; 18 South St., Haliburton; PIN 39182-0042(R); Part Lot 17, Concession 7, in the Geographic Township of Dysart, now United Townships of Dysart, Dudley, Harcourt, Guilford, Harburn, Bruton, Havelock, Eyre and Clyde, designated as Parts 1,2,3,4 & 7 Plan 19R-6764. Subject to a Right-of-Way over, along and upon that part of Lot Number 17 Concession 7 designated as Parts 2 & 4 Plan 19R-6764. Together with a Right-of-Way over, along and upon that part of Lot Number 17 Concession 7 designated as Parts 5 & 6 Plan 19R-6764, in the Registry Division of the County of Haliburton. Land Registry Office No. 19; File No. 18-11
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$103,000
Minimum tender amount: \$16,193.45

2. Roll No. 46 24 011 000 28600 0000; Fred Jones Road, Haliburton; PIN 39182-0076 (LT); PT LT 19 CON 7 DYSART AS IN DY4389 BTN DRAG RIVER, DOVER SPRING RD & H148755; DYSART ET AL; File No.18-30
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$27,500
Minimum tender amount: \$5,535.91

3. Roll No. 46 24 040 000 13100 0000; Guilford, Ontario; PIN 39146-0130 (LT); LT 38 PL 580; DYSART ET AL; File No. 18-34
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According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$396,000
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5. Roll No. 46 24 030 000 03801 0000; Harcourt, Ont; PIN 39159-0275 (LT); PT LT 4 CON 1 HARCOURT AS IN HR662 N OF H134516 & PT 1 19R3946 & S OF H131882; S/T HR662; DYSART ET AL; File No.19-12
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$23,000
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According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$189,000
Minimum tender amount: \$9,786.11

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According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$19,600
Minimum tender amount: \$4,995.56

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, crown interests, availability of road access or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. Any interests of the Federal or Provincial Crown encumbering the land at the time of the tax sale will continue to encumber the land after the registration of the tax deed. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

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Haliburton	2	0	121	118	3	1	0
Kawartha Lakes	36	3	1,055	975	43	44	13
Northumberland	10	0	930	903	31	17	0
Total	48	3	2,106	1,996	77	62	13

COVID-19 case update

Two new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Haliburton County in the June 7 update from the local health unit. In total, since April 1, 36 cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County have been identified as being variants of concern. /Screenshot from HKPRDHU website

No love lost

Tennis players like Ray Isaacs, who returns a serve during a doubles tennis match was happy to be playing again on Friday, June 4, at the tennis courts in Head Lake Rotary Park in Haliburton. /DARREN LUM Staff



Gerda Neubacher serves during a doubles tennis match on Friday, June 4 at the tennis courts in Head Lake Rotary Park in Haliburton. This was the second week for tennis players since the province permitted outdoor activities such as tennis, golf, basketball and soccer.

Councillors discuss collaboration on services

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors discussed inter-municipal collaboration on roads work, landfills, bylaw enforcement and other services during a special online meeting May 26.

Councillors, along with the chief administrative officers of the county and its four lower-tier municipalities, discussed recommendations from the service delivery review that was performed last year. That review, completed by Toronto-based firm StrategyCorp, contained a host of recommendations divided into priority areas of roads, bridges and drainage; fire services; waste management; co-ordinated building, septic and bylaw services; planning services; economic development; collaborative procurement; integrated digital strategy; co-ordinated legal services; human resources co-ordination; communications; and overall co-ordination.

"The CAOs believe that all the initiatives that have been identified by StrategyCorp in the roads section should be investigated," Rutter told councillors. "They believe many of them require support of a centralized procurement function."

Rutter added this would require standardized budgeting processes. Recommendations included the bundling of capital projects, co-ordinating joint engineering consulting services and formalizing joint planning of road maintenance.

Rutter said public works staff were discussing collective projects that could then be taken to the lower tiers for approval.

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy wondered if some of those projects would be ready in time for the 2022 budget season.

"That would be our goal, absolutely," Rutter said.

Each of the municipalities maintains its own volunteer fire department, and recommendations in the review pertaining to fire services included integrating training and staff, as well as exploring a joint training facility.

"[The CAOs] have circled back with the fire chiefs and they're not sure there was a full understanding with the consultant on some of the suggestions that were made,"

Rutter said.

Under waste management, recommendations include creating structures to co-ordinate approaches to large waste policy and operational challenges.

While residents must currently use landfills within the municipalities where they live or own property, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt wondered if there should be consideration for, say allowing residents of Carnarvon, located in Minden Hills, to use the Maple Lake landfill, located in Algonquin Highlands, since it's geographically closer.

Kennedy said he'd like to see waste disposal become an upper-tier responsibility.

"I know I'm the minority here, but I would really like to see us take waste management up to the county," Kennedy said.

Minden Hills Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell said she concurred with Kennedy.

Algonquin Highlands CAO Angie Bird said she thought it was important to have waste management staff involved in the conversation, and Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen said she saw waste management as one of the more complicated issues to come out of the service delivery review.

"I guess we'll have to see what the appetite for this is," Danielsen said.

There was some discussion about potential partnering on transporting waste to incinerators as some of the landfills in the county begin to reach the end of their capacity, and Moffatt, pointing to countries in Europe, noted there are more advanced approaches to waste disposal that should be considered.

"There are places that are just so far ahead of us it's embarrassing," Moffatt said. "I really think there's opportunity to be innovative on this."

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin said he wanted to see uniform building, bylaw and planning policies across the county, with a number of councillors agreeing this made sense.

One recommendation from the service delivery review that is being implemented this year is the creation of an economic development officer position at the county level.

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Beaches won't be maintained by MNR

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

In the time it takes to throw their school books into a corner, local school children will begin their summer holidays with one, simple question: When can we go to the beach?

Glamorgan council is also starting its summer with a question about the beach: Who will take care of it?

In a cost-cutting measure, the Ministry of Natural Resources

has said it will no longer maintain what it calls "crown land, water access, day-use sites." That is, it will not pay to cut the grass, pick up the garbage, erect the signs, grade the road or clean the outhouses at any beach on crown land. Last year it said it would no longer maintain boat access points.

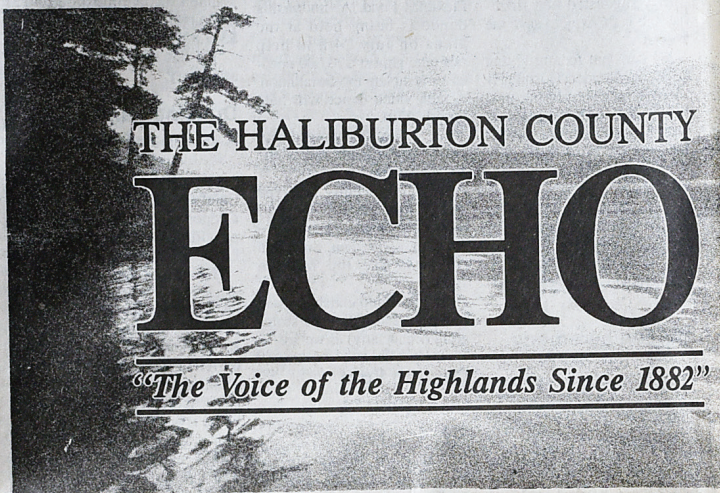
If the Ministry won't spend the money, Glamorgan council is pondering whether it should. The only problem is that Glamorgan doesn't have any money either.

"I'm not sure if the people of Glamorgan want to pick these services up," said Deputy-reeve Glen Madill at Wednesday night's council meeting. "We don't have much alternative than to live with (the deterioration of the parks) or increase taxes. It's crown land... I don't think we should get involved with this at this point."

"What will we have - areas that go to rack and ruin?" asked Councillor Lorrie Saville, who

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Trustees say no to board office add-on

by JANET HURLEY
Staff Reporter

If a portable is good enough for students, then it is good enough for trustees, say members of the Management Committee who have recommended that the school board forego a costly addition to its head office.

Instead, the school board is being urged to truck in a portable to alleviate crowded conditions in the building. The portable — to

be attached to the office by a hallway — would act as a temporary board room, freeing up the current board room for two new offices and a reception area.

"If a portable is good enough for kids to be in, then they're good enough for the board to sit in it," said committee member Lloyd Griffiths after some debate over who should be moved into the temporary quarters.

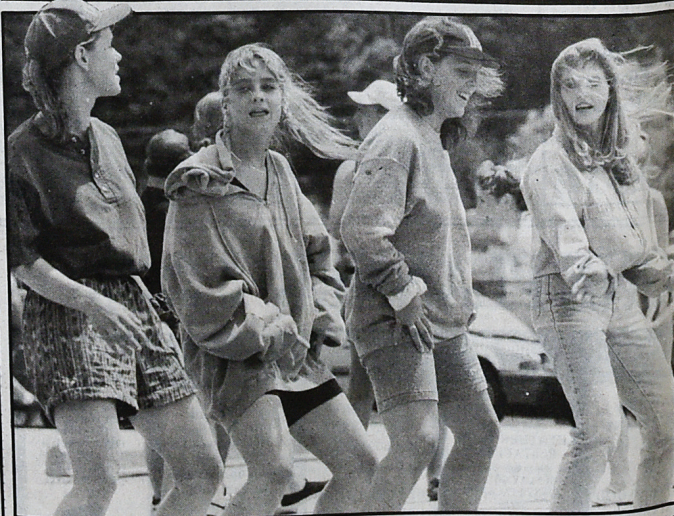
Currently, administrative staff

is crammed into the 306 square metre (3,400 square foot), two-story office building located beside J. D. Hodgson Elementary School. There is no official reception area and the superintendent of education shares his makeshift office with the board room. New computer equipment is contributing to the cramped conditions.

The school board discussed expanding the building back in

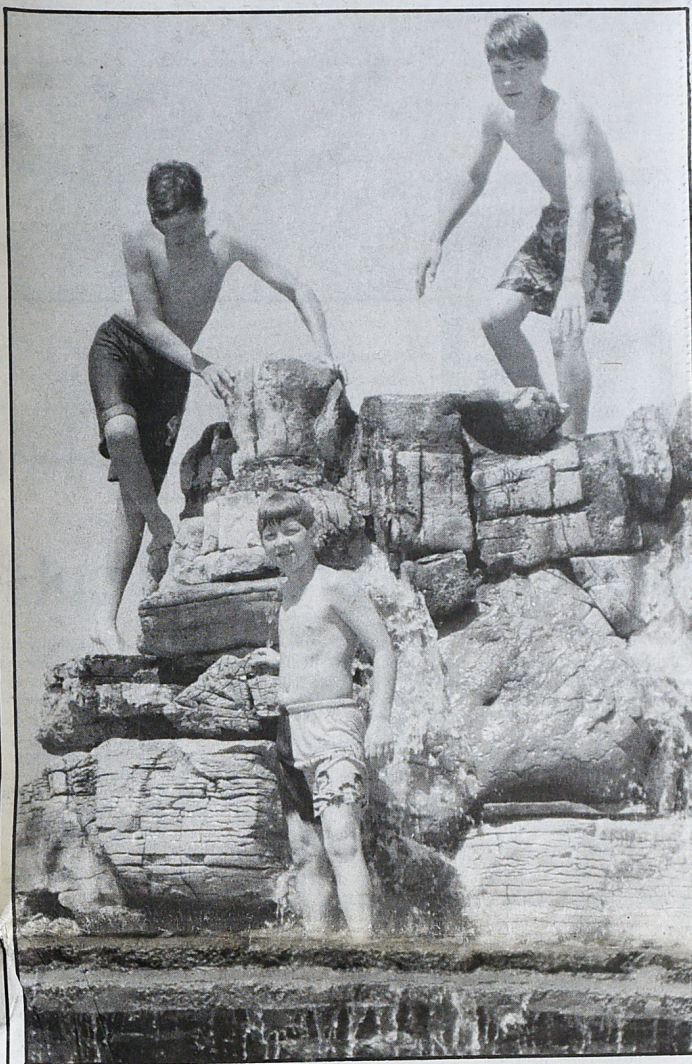
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DANCIN' THE YEAR AWAY



Friday was the last day of classes at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, which is certainly something to celebrate for these young women. As the music blares, Michelle Simms, Skye Austin, Candice Kennedy and Stacey Vick dance. School ends for younger students next Wednesday.

FOUNTAIN FROLICS



Linda Shutt photo

WHEN YOU'RE HOT....Sunday's scorching heat called for relief wherever you could find it. Wayne Newbatt, Ahley Howden and Terry Howden take advantage of the Head Lake Park Fountain.

County tests students

Math quiz rates kids and the system

by JANET HURLEY
Staff Reporter

It was no ordinary math test. When 375 Haliburton County students sat down with pencils in hands last week, they were faced with more than just a simple arithmetic quiz.

The 45-minute evaluation contained carefully designed questions in not only arithmetic but also geometry, measurement and problem solving. And the purpose was not for assigning marks on report cards, but to evaluate Haliburton County's educational system.

"I wanted to get what I call a base line result in the county," says Dale Robinson, the superintendent of education. "We have a curriculum and the students should know certain things in Grades 3 and 6."

"The teachers will know the results of their classes, but I'm only interested in the system result."

County-wide math testing has not taken place for four years. But with accountability as the latest buzzword in education and the possibility of province-wide testing in the near future, the Haliburton County school board has decided to evaluate itself.

Two months ago, Robinson asked Debbie Wales and Rosie Kenney, principals of Dorset and

Grades 3 and 6 evaluated in all county schools

Cardiff Elementary Schools, to help design a method of assessment that would look at what the system is doing based on the board's current math curriculum. Wales and two other Grade 3 teachers focused on a test for Grade 3 students, and Kenney and two Grade 6 teachers created an evaluation for Grade 6 students.

The two committees studied model tests from the Scarborough and Sudbury school boards before deciding on the structure. The Grade 3 test consisted of one booklet on arithmetic, geometry and measurement, and another booklet on problem solving. The Grade 6 test was broken down into two booklets as well, one on arithmetic and word problems and one on geometry and measurement with problem solving. The difficulty level of the questions was based on what students in Grade 3 or Grade 6 should know, according to the curriculum.

"They are set in a way kids are used to doing, we hope," said

Kenney before the tests were administered.

But Grade 3 students are not necessarily used to doing such intense testing and that in itself will be interesting, she added.

"The difference today (in class) is that the kids are talking math. We've been encouraging that for sometime. But for this, the kids must pull away (and work individually)," said Wales. "The Grade 6's do a fair amount of talking too, but at this point, they have had some formalized testing."

Kenney and Wales were secretive on the exact content of the tests.

"If (the teachers) have a whole lot of advanced warning as to the nature of the assessment, that allows them an opportunity to suddenly cover it. Then that is not a fair measure of what they've done," said Kenney.

Teachers marked their own students' tests, so they will know how their class compares to other classes in the county, but the board is only interested in the over-all result — Robinson expects to have the results calculated by September. Individual classes will not be penalized for a low standing.

"(The teachers) will know where their kids stand. They can

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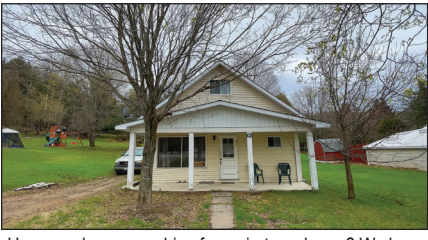
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